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Coalition For 21 to submit signatures today

By MATT KENNEDY
News Editor

The additional signatures needed to place an issue, to raise the drinking age to 21, on the November ballot, will be submitted today by the Coalition For 21.

The Coalition For 21 is a group which is proposing a state constitutional amendment to raise the legal drinking age for beer and malt liquor to 21.

The additional signatures were necessary because the coalition did not have the needed 335,000 signatures to place an issue on the ballot, when they first submitted the issue.

The coalition was given a grace period of ten days, starting September 12, to obtain the needed number of signatures.

Of the initial 423,000 signatures submitted by the coalition, 313,927 signatures were valid according to the Ohio Office of Election Department. At that time, the issue was 21,073 signatures short of the required 335,000 needed to make the November ballot.

Today is the last day for the ten day grace period and David Bart, coalition spokesperson, estimated the coalition would have "well over 30,000" signatures to be submitted by the deadline: today's close of business.

"As of yesterday we had about 25,000 (signatures). Closer to 26,000...and that is without any of the volunteer work," Bart said.

"We're looking good," Bart said, confident the issue would be on the ballot.

Reverend Duanna Summerville,

chairer of the coalition, said arrangements will be made concerning when the signatures would be submitted.

"We have a lot of housekeeping things we have to do," before submitting the signatures, Summerville said.

A spokesperson for the Office of Election Department said he did not expect any signatures to be turned in until the end of the business day.

The election department spokesperson also said it will take about three days to go over these signatures to determine if they are valid.

"I'm sure some (signatures) will be (disqualified), that's why we're getting over 30,000," Bart said. "A bumper in case."

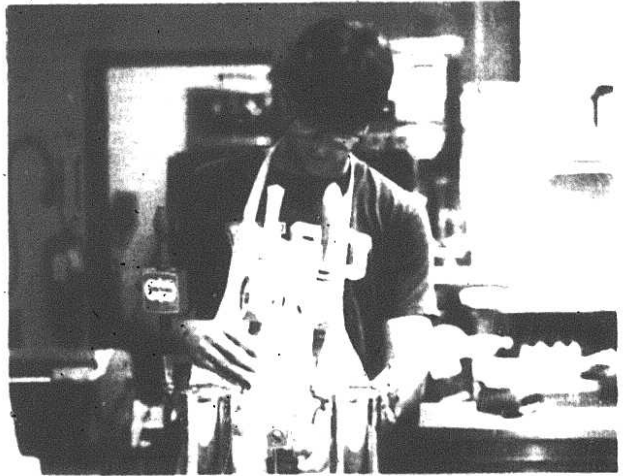
It will be about a week before it is known if the issue will be on the ballot, the election department spokesperson said.

Although the issue is not on the ballot, groups have already been formed which oppose it.

The Let 19 Work committee, formed by beer distributors and other Ohio citizens, are formally opposed to what they call "an unworkable, unrealistic, and unenforceable proposed constitutional amendment to raise Ohio's beer drinking age to 21."

The Let 19 Work committee states, if passed, the issue will "make it a crime for a mother or father to give any alcoholic beverage to their children in the privacy of their own home."

The Let 19 Work committee also stated that "in restaurants or at home, it would also become a crime for young adults to be



PHOTOGRAPH BY KEAN

Rethelkeller employee Bentley Mink serves up the suds.

served or consume any food with alcoholic beverages such as wine sauces, etc."

Concerning these statements, Summerville said, "they must think we live in a police state."

The proposed constitutional amendment would "deal with the public usage (of alcohol), not private use," he said. The amendment does not imply any of the Let 19 Work committee's statements, Summerville stated.

Summerville said the wording of the pro-

posed amendment is similar to that used in states like Michigan, Indiana, and Pennsylvania. There have been no problems in these states according to Summerville.

The Let 19 Work committee is "all wet on that...which I guess they are anyway," Summerville said.

If the issue does appear on the ballot and is passed, according to Gerry Petrak, Associate Director of Student Development, it would eliminate alcohol for the majority of Wright State students.

Wright State recruits with regional ads

By MARY WEAVER
and DENISE LINDSEY
Special Writers

"Man lives in a world of illusion and dies in a world of reality," said playwright Eugene O'Neill.

This illusion is largely created by Madison Avenue and the inhabitants of the wonderful world of advertising.

Enter Wright State University, which has recently embarked upon a program to increase area awareness of the university. Since October 1982, University Communications has been placing full-page ads in four prestigious national magazines: Time, Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, and U.S. News and World Report.

Regional ads for Miami Valley Hospital, Children's Medical Center and Gem Savings appear in these publications. Larry

Kinney, Director of University Communications, said this gave him the idea to try regional advertising.

The ads appear in the subscriber editions in Montgomery, Greene, Clarke, Preble, Darke, and Shelby counties. "These are the counties we normally pull most student enrollment from," said Kinney.

While the increased number of applications cannot be directly attributed to the advertising and is the result of many factors, the ads do highlight Wright State's positive qualities and hopefully help parents and students in selecting a school, Kinney said.

The ads are also an attempt to "increase public awareness of what is going on at Wright State and let people know what a mature university Wright State has become in twenty years," said Peggy Kane,

Associate Director for Editorial and Design.

The overall theme of the ads has been to highlight the innovative tradition and legacy of scientific achievement which is Dayton's heritage and to spotlight WSU's continuation of that ideal, Kane said.

The ads also emphasize the close ties between the university and the community, said Kane.

Copy editors in University Communications Department do the writing and design work on the ads and place them, while the Photography Department contributes most of the photography. Kinney said no special psychological or subliminal techniques are used in the ads. They are strictly straight forward.

The magazines were chosen demographically to reach parents as well as students, Kane said. The average reader

is between the ages of 25 and 34.

The magazines were also chosen because they belong to the same parent group, Kinney said. Ads are placed through the local sales representative for Media Networks.

Once placed, the ad will run in each of the four magazines sometime within the specified month. Ads have run five times, and four different ads have been used.

Because developmental costs differ and advertising rates change, University Communications officials refuse to comment on costs for the ads.

Reaction to the ads, as heard in University Communications, has been completely positive. "People in the community favorably comment on the ads," Kane said. Kinney added, "The staff is quite pleased to see us mentioned in national magazines."

Know your major well?

Exchange student learns to cruise U.S. roads

By CHERYL CONATSER
Associate Writer

Watch out Wright State, exchange student Takaski Yamanaka is here and driving on your campus.

Since his arrival in America from Minara City, Japan, Yamanaka has had to learn about the many differences between American and Japanese cultures. His biggest project has been learning to drive.

Yamanaka and Wright State student Mike Birt can be seen many afternoons cruising the campus.

Birt was one of seventeen students to take part in an exchange program with Okayama University, Japan, this past summer. While in Japan, Birt first met Yamanaka, and was chosen by Elenore Koch, Vice President of Student Affairs, to assist Yamanaka during his 10 month visit at Wright State.

Birt is teaching Yamanaka the differences in road signs, road lines, and driving on the right side of the road.

"A few times, after feeling very relaxed and confident, Takaski would turn a corner and start driving on the other side of the road. Then he would say 'other side—other side,'" said Birt.

In Japan, driver's license can not be ob-

tained before the age of eighteen and cost about \$800. Most Japanese rely on the mass transit or ride bicycles.

Cars are also not driven on Japanese campuses. Yamanaka was very amused at the number of cars and their size here on the campus.

"American cars are very big. That is something I've never experienced. If I drive a big car I might crash," said Yamanaka.

Yamanaka currently holds an international driver's license, but must obtain an Ohio license, before owning a car.

Besides driving, Yamanaka has found time to attend a Bengals' game, a band concert, and to eat Mexican food. All of which were enjoyable, new experiences, he said.

Yamanaka is majoring in Elementary Education. He plans to return to Japan to teach kindergarten English in one of his father's three private kindergarten schools.

In Japan, English is taught from a very early age, but it is taught in composition and grammar only. Speaking English is not taught or practiced.

Yamanaka is currently student teaching a kindergarten class at Orville Wright school in Dayton.

"I am learning English from the kindergarten. In Japan, we are taught

English, but not how to speak it," said Yamanaka.

Yamanaka would like to see more of the United States, before he returns to Japan.

He would like to include Disneyland, Niagara Falls, Washington D.C., and the Houston Space shuttle in his sight seeing tour.

Rapes higher than reported

AUBURN, AL (CPS)—The real number of campus rapes and sexual assault cases may be higher than officials have traditionally believed, according to a new Auburn University study on sexual attitudes.

Nearly one out of every six male students questioned admitted to forcing women to have sex with them, the study of over 200 sophomores found.

Moreover, 20% of the female women defined such situations as rape," noted Auburn psychologist Barry Burkhart, who helped direct the study.

"None of these men were ever arrested or charged with rape, and as far as I know none of the women had reported what happened to them," he said.

The reason appears to be because all of

the incidents involved what experts are now calling "acquaintance rape."

"We're finding that acquaintance rape is a very frequent type of incident that takes place on campuses," said Dan Keller, director of the public safety at the University of Louisville and president of Campus Crime Prevention Programs, and independent campus law enforcement association.

"It could typically involve a girl and a guy who meet at a party, then the guy invites the girl home and physically forces her to have sex. The guy just won't take no for an answer, even if it meant using force."

The Auburn study shows that most of the time neither male nor female considers that a rape has occurred, Keller continues, "because of the traditional concept of rape as a situation where somebody grabs you off the sidewalk and attacks you."

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Tutoring Services in need of instructors

By C.A. HOWELL
Special Writer

Would you like to earn \$3.85 an hour for a few hours a week here on campus?

Qualifications for this job include a 3.0 grade point average and good communication skills.

The jobs are for prospective tutors and the only other qualification is that you should have received a grade of "B" in the course you'd like to tutor.

Robert Steinbach, Wright State Director of Tutoring Services, said he is looking for 60-70 bright students who fit the requirements and think they'd make good tutors.

Beyond the above qualifications, Steinbach hopes to attract students who have a particular talent for instruction.

"There's something about the art of teaching that some people have a natural knack for and some don't," Steinbach said.

However, discovering one's capabilities as a tutor doesn't happen until the end of the quarter when tutored students turn in evaluations on their tutors.

Tutors are hired on a trial basis and go through a short training session before they

begin tutoring.

Steinbach said he is looking for students to tutor in one hundred level subjects such as math, science, lab science, foreign languages, and business courses.

He said, when a tutor is needed, the class is "more often than not" one which requires math. "We provided few tutors in political science and film appreciation," Steinbach said.

Something for the advanced student to remember in considering a tutoring job is that they would be relating to a student on an elementary level of a subject.

For instance, Steinbach said, a calculus student with a 4.0 average tutoring a math 104 student may have a hard time understanding that the 104 student can't understand a 'simple' problem.

That's when you "take a breath and explain. You can't say, 'I'm up here and you're down there.' You have to start where the student is, not where you are," Steinbach said.

The trick, he says, is to put the explanation into words they understand.

Work hours for tutors are flexible but 20 hours of tutoring a week can't be

guaranteed. It's for that reason, Steinbach explained, that it's hard for Tutoring Services to compete with other student employment opportunities on campus.

"I get some really good students but it's really easy to lose them," Steinbach said. He also has to try to get Work-Study eligible students if he can.

If a student is looking for a tutor they can come to the Tutoring Services Office, in 131 Student Services, and fill out an application. Students applying are also asked to leave a copy of their class schedule. To be eligible for two hours of free tutoring per week/per class, a student must attend class regularly and turn in homework.

Participants in the Special Services Program, Handicapped Student Services Program, and Learning Program are eligible for three hours of free tutoring per week per class.

As to what a student can expect, tutoring sessions "should not be a repeat of the lecture process," according to the tutoring handbook.

The handbook also states: "Students should be actively involved in asking questions, working problems and re-stating

materials for at least half of each session."

Tutors are also informed that they have a right to ask to see your notes and homework.

WHERE THE HELL IS THE ORBIT INN?

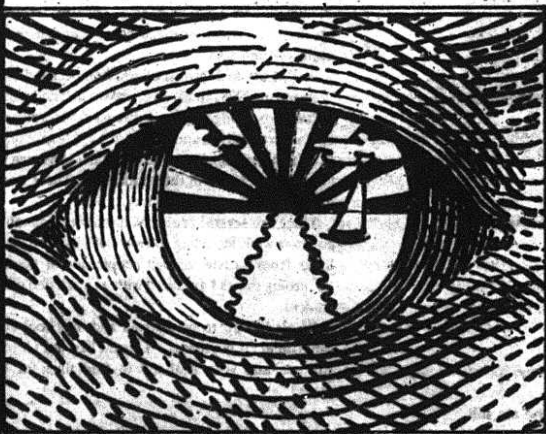
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VIEWS

To the editor...

SDS works

To the editor,

Carole Ovalle's letter of September 15 prompts a response. In the first place, if I read the same letter to the editor to which Ovalle replied, I fail to see just where Michael Pierce discusses the "educational process per se." His concerns seem to fall under the area of "student life" rather than academics, research and so forth.

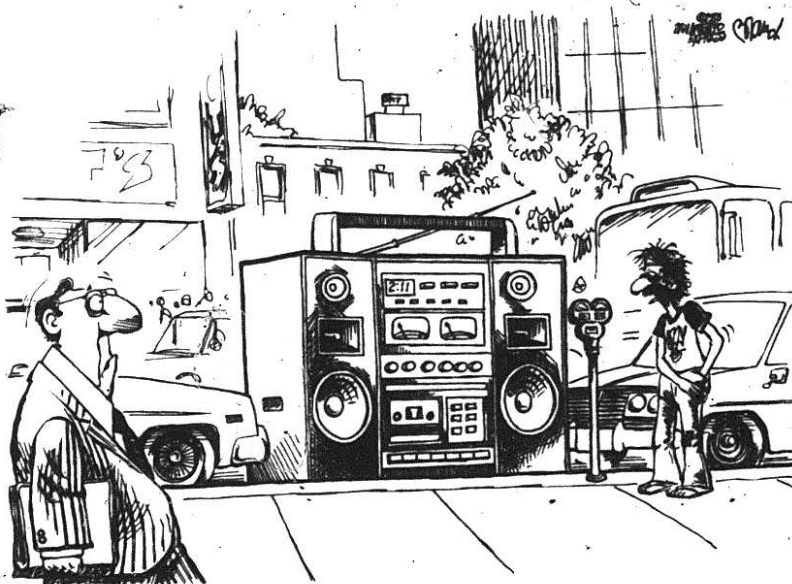
He attacks apathy as one who once took an active role is SDS. Whether SDS survived the somewhat static seventies or not, the very revolution of which it was only a small part did have much to do with the reshaping of America's universities and colleges.

The elimination of mandatory ROTC on many of our campuses, the development of minority affairs programs and services, the liberation of student housing... these are attributable to the raising of voices (and clenched fists) in the 1960's, to the sitting-in and taking over.

The placement of students on university committees and boards is a result of debate (often flamboyant, yes) in which students took an active part.

Today we live and learn in an environment that many students in the 60's fought for. We cannot take our rights for granted, or they may be taken from us after all.

Pat Graf



Erma Bombeck and floor wax just don't mix with college life

Letter-to-the-Editor policy

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"May I join you?" she asked.

"Certainly."

She threw her books on the table and sat down. I don't really know Lucy because I just met her in one of my new classes. But I love to meet new people and Lucy intrigued me. Lucy has red, red hair and resembles an old television star. I often find myself wondering if her parents really named her after Lucy

Over the Edge

By KIM CAREY

Ricardo.

"So, what do you think of our class, Lucy?"

"Oh, I don't know. It's pretty boring and..." She stopped talking and grabbed my left hand. "Are you engaged?"

"No, I'm married," I said.

"Married!" she gushed, "You're married and you're still in school?"

"There are a lot of married women who are still in school."

"Is your husband still in school?" she asked.

"No, he already graduated and has a nice job."

"Gosh, you don't look or act like you're married. I can't believe you're married. I mean...wow."

Ominous chords sounded and the room became fogged with swirling smoke. I saw myself running through the smoke wearing an apron and a beehive hairdo. I thought I had buried this horrible image which had haunted me before, but it seems there are people who enjoy digging it back up.

I have several names for these people, but for the purposes of this column I'll just classify them as Believers of the Erma Bombeck School of Thought.

Married women attending college are sometimes a misunderstood group of people. They are labeled as bored housewives, husband-beaters and at times, neglectful mothers.

Well, Lucy and the rest of you Bombeck Believers: Welcome to 1983. In between classes married women do not group together and discuss floor-wax, soap operas, or their husbands' dirty socks. Classrooms are filled with brilliant, sophisticated married women who are truly interested in their education. These women are not just bored housewives.

There are several problems a married woman encounters while attending college. But I find the strange looks from narrow-minded people one of the most disturbing things I am faced with as a married college student.

"Isn't it hard to be married and in school at the same time?" Lucy asked. "I mean, like, isn't it tough for you and your husband to find time for each other?"

"It's rough, but we can handle it. He does get a little jealous sometimes when I spend too much time with F. Scott Fitzgerald." I laughed.

Lucy's eyebrows went up. She leaned over and whispered, "You mean you're having an affair?" I just shook my head. That crazy redhead sure has the ability to create a time warp.

"Lucy, do you ever read Erma Bombeck?"

"I just love Erma Bombeck! She's just about my favorite writer in the whole world," she said.

Somehow I just knew Lucy would be a Believer.

NEWS BRIEFS

LAW DAY PROGRAM

Those interested in attending law school often find that getting admitted is a tiresome process of trial and error. Furthermore, many law students begin their legal studies only to find that they are not prepared for many aspects of law school. For these reasons many promising prospects are lost to the legal profession before or even after they begin their legal studies. This is particularly true of Blacks in law.

On Saturday, October 15, 1983 at 9 o'clock a.m., the Black American Law Students Association (BALSA) and the University of Dayton School of Law will sponsor a Law Day Program in the main lobby of the Law School. The purpose of the program is two-fold:

1. To encourage Black interest in legal studies at the University of Dayton School of Law, and,
2. To acquaint prospective law students with the different aspects of admission to law school, the study of law, and the legal profession generally.

Subjects to be discussed will include Pre-legal Education, Financial Aid and The Law School Aptitude Test.

What admissions committees look for in applicants, and many other interesting topics will be addressed. Also, there will be opportunities to have questions answered by Law School faculty and administrators, local attorneys, and law students.

For further information, or to register group attendance, contact Judy Bockhoin 229-3211, Monday-Friday, 9-12 a.m. or 1-4:30 p.m.

CONGRESSMEN

Two United States Congressmen will be speaking at Wright State University. Congressman Mike Dewine will speak October 11 at 2:00 in the Allyn Hall Lounge. On November 7, Congressman Tony Hall will speak at 2:00 in the Allyn Hall Lounge. Both speakers are being sponsored by University Center Board.

5K RUN

The Miami University Office of Recreational Sports announces the 1983 Miller-Lite/Cradle of Coaches 5K Run to be held Friday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the week long opening festivities of the Fred C. Yager Stadium.

John Pont, President of the Cradle of Coaches, and other cradle members will be on hand to start the race and to present

awards. Also, assisting will be former Oakland Raider NFL All-Pro, Ben Davidson. The race precedes the Redskin Football Pep Rally and Fire-Up Talk by Howard Cosell.

Registration begins Monday, September 12 and is only \$3.00 through Friday, September 23. Registration the day of the race will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and cost \$4.00. The first 300 entries will receive Race T-shirts from Miller-Lite. Entry forms are available at the Miami University Office of Recreational Sports located in Withrow Court and most Oxford stores.

Divisions for male and female runners include: 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-49, and 50 and over. Trophies will be awarded in each division to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers. Lite warm-up suits will be presented to the overall male and female 1st place finisher and ribbons will go to all finishers.

The course will begin and end in front of Millett Hall and wind through Miami's campus and the surrounding Oxford community. All ages are welcome to join the fun, meet the celebrities, and be part of this historic event.

For more information, contact the Miami University Office of Recreational Sports, 513-529-2501.

BASKETBALL MEETING

An organization meeting for prospective individuals wanting to be on the woman's basketball team will be held Monday, September 26, at 3:00 in room 166 of the Physical Education building.

MODEL U.N.

Students interested in the Model United Nations are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 28 at 3 p.m. in Room 172 Millett Hall. Students unable to attend should call Dr. James Jacob for information at 873-2039 or 873-2942.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University Honors Program recently received information about the 1984 Harry S. Truman Scholarship competition. These awards are made to outstanding students who are college sophomores this year and who intend to pursue careers in government service. The awards are made on the basis of merit and cover eligible expenses for tuition, fees, books, room and board, to a maximum of \$5,000 annually for up to four years.

Wright State may nominate two students

to the regional selection committee. Last year's nominee, Virginia S. Moseley, was selected an alternate. Perhaps more often than many other national scholarships, the Truman is awarded to students at public institutions.

Those who are interested in applying should contact the Honors Office for further information. Faculty members are urged to encourage eligible students to apply. The deadline for application to the Wright State selection committee is October 28.

JOBS

Handicapped Student Services is in need of students to fill positions in a job skills bank for the upcoming academic year. The skills bank is a resource pool for use by disabled students who require writers, typists, readers, and/or keypunchers. These individuals are hired directly by the disabled student in need of services. Interested persons should contact Katie Deedrick, Handicapped Students Services, ext. 2140 for further information.

WSU FRISBEE CLUB

ULTIMATE RAIDERS had an impressive turnout at last week's meeting. Unfortunately, not as many people showed up to practice.

Hey all you people who throw Frisbee on the Quad, we still need more people.

The Ultimate Raiders are having another meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 in the Allyn Hall lounge adjacent to the student mailboxes.

Can't make it to the meeting? Show up to the practice. Ultimate Raiders practice 2:00 p.m. on Sundays at the WSU Soccer Field on Col. Glenn Highway.

PERSONAL GROUP

A Personal Learning Group will be offered free to WSU students interested in

knowing more about their own interpersonal style, resolving relationship problems, and increasing their self esteem. The group will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays starting Sept. 26 and will be held at the Psychological Service Center, which is located on the second floor of the Frederick A. White Center for Ambulatory Care. The group is led by two psychology interns and supervised by a clinical

WOMEN'S MEETING

The Dayton Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet for lunch at Ichabod's Restaurant on Saturday, October 8, at 11:30 a.m. William H. Wild, editor of The Journal Herald and President of The Dayton Council on World Affairs, will be the speaker. The topic will be "Foreign Affairs." For further information call 298-4215.

NEXUS DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting material for the Fall issue of Nexus is October 4. Poetry prose and art work should be delivered to 006 University Center. Include either a stamped envelope or your Allyn Hall box number for guaranteed return of materials. For more information, stop by the office, 006 U.C., Monday-Thursday from 1-2 or 3-4, or call 833-2031.

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ENTERTAINMENT

INVADERS

Weird acting, weird dialogue, weird movie

By DEAN LEONARD
Entertainment Editor

Strange Invaders, directed by Michael Laughlin, is a quirky little film. Watching it, I was never sure how to take it. It's a low-budget movie that plays on its "low-budgetness." Sometimes, the dialogue and the acting struck me as outrageously "bad"—then I realized that maybe they're supposed to be "bad." But I was never certain.

Perhaps the film confused me because it's a pastiche of 50's sci-fi "B" flicks, a genre with which I'm unfamiliar. *Strange Invaders*, which has a distinctive, loose-

limbed quality, spoofs the conventions of those movies, and has fun with the conventions of recent films, also.

I went to see *Strange Invaders* because of Nancy Allen, who plays a spunky reporter for the sleazy "National Informer." Her acting is non-naturalistic; she's stylized. Her "broad" style fits this material, as, I think, it fits Brian De Palma's hallucinatory films. (People who hate De Palma invariably hate Nancy Allen. It doesn't help that she is De Palma's wife.)

I find Nancy Allen fresh—a comedienne who can nevertheless be convincing within

the conventions of scare pictures. She embodies the tone of this film—by turns silly and genuine, self-conscious yet "real."

The male star is Paul Le Mat. Playing a laid-back college prof, he ambles through the film (again, his ambling made me wonder: is he really bored, or does he want us to think he's bored—or, both?). In "Centerville, USA," a god forsaken Midwestern town, he finds a population suspended in time. The "strange invaders—aliens from outer-space—have snatched the peoples' bodies. It's *Invasion of the Body*

Snatchers joined to other fifties' creature-from-outer-space fantasies. It's also the flip side to Spielberg's *Close Encounters* and *ET*.

There's a scene in which Louise Fletcher, as a UFO expert, goes through a stack of UFO photos, and up pops a picture of Spielberg himself. "That's just a little joke of ours," says Fletcher, sheepishly. *Strange Invaders*—which seems in some ways the most predictable of movies—takes a firm hold on our expectations, and turns them upside-down.

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On the prairie

James Runkle, (left) assistant professor of Biological Science at Wright State University, took his Ecology class to Aullwood Prairie which is located near Englewood. Last Tuesday afternoon the

students had an opportunity to experience a new biome as they observed various species evolutionary adaptations to life on the prairie.

STUDYING: It's better than network TV

By SCOTT RANDOLPH
Entertainment Writer

It's that time of year again. School has started, and students are finding any reason possible to put off studying. Even housework can be more attractive than homework. A good (and even cheap) way to procrastinate is to check out the new television season. The network executives are offering a whole new array of shows, with the promise that all will be hits.

One new show this season is ABC's **Webster**. This Friday night sit-com stars Alex Karras as George Popadopolis, Susan Clark as his new wife, Katherine, and Erismann Lewis as the title character. George, an ex-football player, and Katherine, a successful businesswoman, have just met and married on a cruise ship. So, where does Webster come in? Well, it seems George is Webster's godfather and his parents have just been killed in a car accident. Since Webster has no next of kin, he is sent to George on the day of his return from his honeymoon. The Popadopolis' face a peculiar situation.

The comedy in a sit-com is supposed to stem from the awkward situation that the characters are in (hence the name: "sit-com"). As it happens, the situation in

Webster isn't new. Other television shows have had kids sent to unsuspecting adults. **Family Affair** is an old example; **Diff'rent Strokes** is a more recent one. By now, the television public has already seen these problems. The jokes just aren't funny.

In **Webster**, we see the stereotypical female who can't cook and has absolutely no common sense about children. It is hard to imagine anyone saying goodnight to a small child before at least undressing him and turning back the bedcovers. However, the producers must think the viewers would not pick up on such a trivial detail because Katherine does just that.

The producers have given us something to think about. Webster is black and the Popadopolis' aren't. Although the script doesn't deal directly with Webster's racial background, the producers must have cast the extremely cute boy because he is black. The situation of the show wouldn't have been as interesting if Webster were white. Again, this is nothing new. **Diff'rent Strokes** has already explored the idea. Perhaps later episodes of **Webster** will explore the subject.

If the media keeps ignoring this subject and the need for positive black role models, the human rights issue will be set back in-

stead of trudging forward as it has. The media do cast blacks, but too often these roles are not as positive as they should be. Webster is a poor orphan black boy, as are the kids on **Diff'rent Strokes**. These characters are not the best role models.

Although the kids do adjust and get along fine, look at what it presented for young black kids to look forward to: ending up an orphan. This may be assuming that television influences kids more than most people believe, but kids are very in-

telligent and can easily associate what happens on television to a similar home situation. The media keep presenting a negative way out of the ghetto: be orphaned and move in with a well-off white family.

Television has a new sit-com and the viewers have nothing new. Unless the writers come up with something interesting and/or funny soon, **Webster** won't last long. Agreed, the kid is cute and cuteness sells, but even the worst sit-com has to, at least, tickle the audience's fancy.

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Raider Brenda Scherz pounds a serve at the rival UD team in Tuesday night's victory

Women down UD foes

By DAVE KERN
Special Writer

The women's volleyball team downed the University of Dayton Flyers 15-1, 6-15, 15-3, 15-9, in matches played Tuesday night on the WSU court. The win upped the Raiders' season record to 8-2, while UD dropped to 3-1.

The Lady Raiders started strong, enabling them to dictate the tempo and momentum of the entire match. The Raider offense was led by senior All-America candidate Kim Holmes and sophomore Gail Eifert with 11 and 10 kill (spikes), respectively. Peggy Wynkoop, Head Coach, named Holmes and Eifert co-MVPs, although she said she finds it "hard to pick an MVP," because volleyball "is so team oriented." Wynkoop also noted the strong

defensive showing by Sharon Kroger, sophomore, who had five blocks.

The Raiders' play was quick and efficient, as they changed from a zone to an attack defense, which enabled them to stop more shots at the net. Wynkoop said she saw "no major mistakes" in the team's performance, but added that they are "still working on defense and confidence. If we continue to improve on these two things we will win more games."

The game attracted a large, emotional crowd that greeted every winning shot with enthusiasm. Wynkoop said the WSU-UD rivalry is "always kind of interesting. It's always an emotional match that attracts a few more people...As long as we win I feel great about it (the rivalry)."

• The team travels to Wayne State for their next game, September 22.

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